

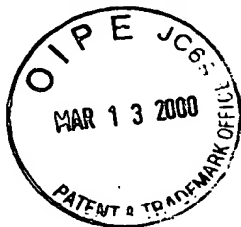
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Applicants: John O Bieser, et al.
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For: **HOMOGENEOUSLY BRANCHED ETHYLENE POLYMER CARPET, CARPET
BACKING AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**



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RESPONSE A

The following is responsive to the Office Action, mailed October 8, 1999, wherein the PTO rejected Claims 1-6 and 9-12 in the above-identified application. Submitted herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time, extending the time for response to March 8, 2000. Also submitted herewith is a declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 to swear behind the date of August 28, 1995. Applicants respectfully request that the claimed invention be reconsidered in view of the amendments, declaration and remarks that follow.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claim 7, 8, 13 and 14 as drawn to a non-elected invention which Applicants reserve the right to prosecute in a later filed divisional application.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

10. (Amended) The carpet of Claim 1 [or the method of Claim 7] wherein the at least one homogeneously branched ethylene polymer is further characterized as having a single differential scanning calorimetry, DSC, melting peak between -30 and 150 C.

11. (Amended) The carpet [or method] of Claim 10 wherein the at least one homogeneously branched ethylene polymer is a substantially linear ethylene polymer characterized as having: